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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Since the Hoover Commission Press Release for Wednesday morning papers will break on the radio at 7:00 P.M. ~~at~~ Eastern Daylight Saving Time tonight, you might wish to have a small group meet with you in the Conference Room this afternoon at a time agreeable to you. If such be your decision, I recommend that the following be invited:

John Scali, Associated Press
Don Gonzales, United Press
Howard Handleman, INS
Charles Lucey, Scripps-Howard Newspapers
Jim Roper, Washington Star
Murrey Marder, Washington Post
Ev Clark, Washington Daily News
Bill Lawrence, New York Times
Walter Kerr, New York Herald Tribune
Albert Clark, Wall Street Journal
Joe Harsch, Christian Science Monitor
Frederic Collins, Providence Journal
Mark Watson, Baltimore Sun
Ernest Lindley, Newsweek
James Truitt, Time
David Lawrence, U. S. News & World Report
Richard Harkness, NBC
Ted Koop, CBS
Dick Rendell, ABC
Fulton Lewis, Mutual Network
Jerry Green, New York Daily News
Martin Hayden, Detroit News and NANA

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In asking them to come I would tell them the fact of the meeting is confidential and nothing learned by them is for attribution to the DCI or to CIA or to any intelligence source.

Don Gonzales of UP has already asked if he could see you today. The UP believes the criticism of CIA to be "very severe" even though a great deal of the criticism is by implication. Felix Cotton of INS has done their early wire story. The INS viewpoint which they plan to feature, he said, is the fact that McCarthy was wrong and you were right regarding subversives within the CIA.

I believe there wouldn't be time for Bill Lawrence to get together with his group for dinner although I have not checked this with him, and on account of the 7:00 o'clock radio break tonight, I would recommend that if possible you meet this group, with some necessary substitutions, not later than 5:00 o'clock this afternoon and earlier if at all practicable.

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